Bank to augment resources for the infrastructure and improve the outreach of the Programmes.

(b) A State-wise statement showing the assistance provided by Government of India is given in the Annexure.

[See Appendix 188, Annexure no. 30]

Regulations for Establishing Medical Colleges

1017. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring changes in the Medical Education; and

(b) whether the Indian Medical Council has recommended new regulations to Government for establishing medical colleges; if so, what are the main changes recommended by them over the existing regulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Medical Council of India had recommended changes in the Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1993. The main changes that were proposed over 1998 regulations by the Medical Council of India are given in the enclosed statement (See below). The modifications proposed by the M.C.I, were finalised with such modifications as were considered appropriate by the Government. The revised Medical Council of India regulations dated 30.7.1999 titled 'Establishment of Medical College Regulations, 1999' were published in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India on 28th August, 1999 with the approval of the Government. Subsequently M.C.I, published corrigendum to the regulations in the Gazette of India on 9th October, 1999. Also Minor amendments to the regulations were got published by the M.C.I, in the same part and section of the Gazette of India on 22nd October, 1999.

Statement

Changes recommended by Medical Council of India in regulatiosn for Establishment of New Medical colleges, 1993.

1. Aplications for setting up new medical colleges be received between 1 st August to 31 st August in a calender year by the Central Government.

2. The requirements of beds in the hospital of a college for 50 students be reduced to 400 beds; for 100 students to be reduced to 500 beds and for 150 to be reduced to 750 beds.

3. At least 25 acres of land should be owned and possessed by the applicant to set up a medical college. In the regulations of 1993 the size of the plot is not specified.

4. There would be admission of only one batch in a calender year in which permission is granted.

5. The applicant should provide Bank deposits in the joint name of the applicant and Medical Council of India as per the amount specified and the interest thereon should accrue to the Medical Council of India.

6. The teaching hospital should be owned by the applicant. Colleges are not to be set up in rented buildings.

7. Letter of intent for setting up a medical college may be issued by the Central Government to the applicant without MCI Inspection of the institution and on consideration of MCI report on evaluation of the application in terms of the desirability and prima-facie feasibility for setting up the medical college at the proposed location.

8. A broad format be prescribed for Essentiality Certificate so that necessary information is available to the MCI and the Government to make their recommendations.

9. A schedule of receipt of applications for establishment of new medical colleges and processing of the application by the Central Government and the MCI be prescribed.

HIV Cases in Gujarat

1018. SHRI PRAFUL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of HIV positive cases in Gujarat, as compared to total number of such cases in the country;

(b) whether a large number of AIDS cases have been registered in Banaskantha district of the State;